

ITEMS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION

The following discarded items are not regulated medical wastes **when they are empty**. An empty item may still have residue in it as long it is not regulated under the provisions of OSHA, i.e.,

- If the item could potentially release liquid or semi-liquid blood or potentially infectious materials
- If the item could potentially release caked dried blood or potentially infectious materials

(9 VAC 120-130 C 4)



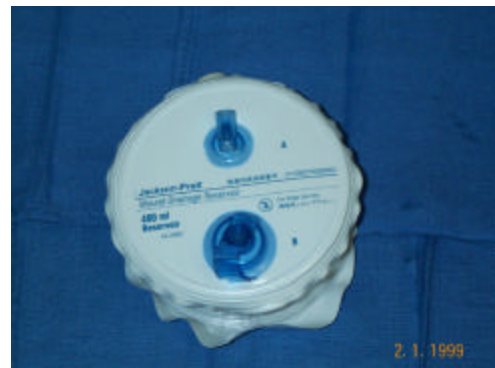
urine collection bag and tubing



suction tubing



IV solution bag and tubing



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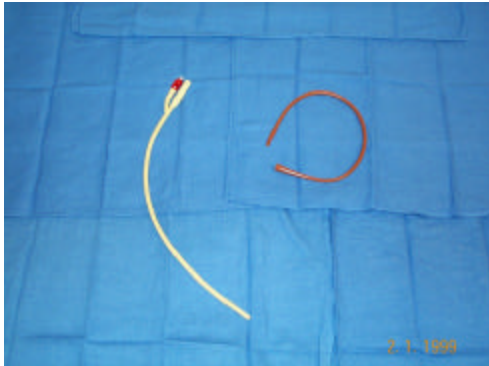
suction canister

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(9 VAC 120-130 C 5)



urinary catheters



nasogastric tube



bedpans



oxygen tubing



ventilator tubing

SHARPS

"Sharps" means needles, scalpels, knives, syringes with attached needles, pasteur pipettes and similar items having a point or sharp edge or that are likely to break during transportation.

Regulated sharps include:

- Sharps likely to be contaminated with organisms that are pathogenic to healthy humans
- **All** needles, syringes with attached needles, suture needles, scalpels
- This includes sharps generated through veterinary practice

(see Definition of sharps 9 VAC 20-120-10 and regulated sharps 9 VAC 20-120-150.4)

Therefore, **the following items are exempt** from regulation.



syringes without needles



uncontaminated IV spike

REGULATED MEDICAL WASTES

The items listed in 9 VAC 20-80-140 and 150 are regulated medical wastes

The following photographs are examples of some items that are regulated medical wastes:



waste packaged as medical waste is regulated medical waste
(9 VAC 20-120-90.1)



if the item could potentially release liquid or semi-liquid blood or body fluids it is
regulated medical waste (9 VAC 20-120-150.2)

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